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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: I 3968

Title: Letter of Non-Objection for Field Surveys in the Intertidal Zone

Location: The Intertidal Zone of Cape Mendocino in the Pacific Ocean, Humboldt County

Description: Request to perform field surveys to assess the distribution and abundance of a marine snail (*Acanthinucella spirata*) and its potential prey and competitors over eight weeks.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Cal Poly Humboldt

Exempt Status:

[$\sqrt{\ }$] Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(3))

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a letter of non-objection to conduct biological field surveys will only cause a minor physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There are no unusual circumstances surrounding the project that will result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption applies.

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